

## JOHANNA CRISTINE HANBERG NICOL

(Note: In 1940, Jane Hatch, president of the County Daughters of Utah Pioneers, wrote the following tribute to Johanna Cristine Hanberg Nicol. It contains many elements of her biography, and also a poetic tribute. The statement by Mrs. Turner is included here, as it was given at the time.

Mrs. Nicol was among the first to accept The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Denmark. She crossed the ocean with Erastus Snow in March, 1852, and came to Utah that same year.)

Dear Pioneer Daughters:

To me it certainly is a joy and pleasure to write a little historical tribute to my much-beloved friend, mother and neighbor. A nurse, doctor, ministering angel, sent to us from our Heavenly Father, who knew what a bright light she would be to show the way to heaven. God is love and faith was her prayer. She lightened earth's pain and made life more fair. She was our Pioneer Doctor, so much needed in those days. A natural nurse, gathered herbs and knew how to use them, wanted to be a doctor and was chosen by this stake to go to Salt Lake and take a course in obstetrics taught by Romona B. Pratt. She succeeded and was very happy and successful in her practice, using economically what people could procure in those times. In her record is recorded 800 babies and the loss of only one woman.

Our country doctor, Johanna Cristine Hanberg Nicol, was born March 11, 1839, at Odense-Fyen, Denmark. She was baptized December 14, 1850. Arriving in Salt Lake on October 16, 1852, she was married to Thomas Nicol in 1858. She was the first of her family to join the Church and came across the sea with a girl friend, Augusta Dorius, who was baptized the same day and lived with Mrs. Nicol until Mrs. Nicol married. To her dying day they were friends.

Sister Nicol was a wonderful stepmother,

*"How Beautiful upon the Mts" p531-2*